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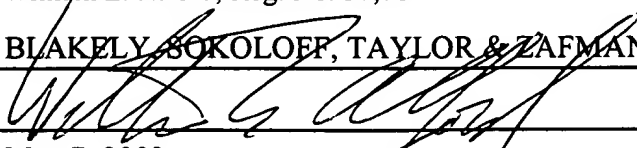
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Pursuant to 35 USC 120, the above referenced U.S. Patent Application claims the benefit of and is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/321,308, filed May 27, 1999.

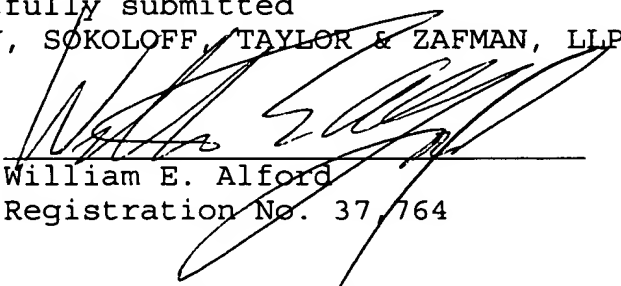
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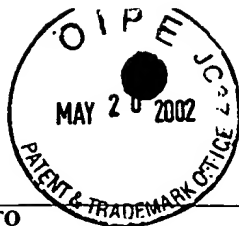

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